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Bishop and Mrs. Edgar A. Love of the Baltimore Area are shown in Dutch costumes during a recent visit in Amsterdam en route to the Far East. High point of their trip was their visit to Methodists in Malaya, who had many questions to ask about Methodists in the United States.

Why do you care?

What do you believe in the first place?

Over and over we say we should do something about it.

We ought to understand . . . we ought to help . . . we ought to be concerned.

Why?

Every month we receive a little Communist youth magazine called *New Challenge* which repeats and repeats the importance of "the working people." Each month it has an article about unemployment among young people in the United States, and trouble between races in the United States, and mistrust of governmental procedure in the United States.

The December issue carried a feature on Christmas pointing out that it isn't really a Christian observance at all, but one deeply and happily based on pagan festivals in connection with harvest, nature and miscellaneous local legend.

Another article in the same issue says: "Marxism (is) the only philosophy in the world which looks at everything from the viewpoint of the working people, and shows us that an America free of Big Business domination can really fulfill the potential of our great human and natural wealth. It shows us how, by siding with the workers, youth can help carry forward the proud traditions of freedom and brotherhood for which we love our land."

The point we would like to make—even though there are many other arguments against the steady appeal "New Challenge" presents—is that its readers are urged to have faith only in Marxism and one class of people.

Christian concern for others is based not on differences and dislikes and division into groups, but on an understanding that we are much alike as children of a loving God, with similar needs and duties and ways of happiness. We know there may be many ways of difference even as in a family, but that we may all share in the same gifts of love and getting along with each other.

We begin with the love of God, receiving it as we need it, sharing it as others need it, and find true brotherhood in Christ rather than the "brotherhood" of Communism which starts with division and pushes hearts farther apart.

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They're working hard for you

National council has big problems

How do you feel about Universal Military Training? What would you say if you attended the hearings in Washington on proposed laws about it? What do you think the National Conference of Methodist Youth should do or say on the subject?

Members of the national council of the NCMY—the youth and adult leaders—are thinking and praying about these questions as these words are written, the week after Christmas, 1954.

The issue is of major importance to you now, for hearings on proposed new selective service legislation will be conducted in the Capitol in January or February.

To represent you

The national council, having its annual meeting this week to plan projects and the national conference meeting for 1955, is agreed that someone should represent Methodist young people at the Washington hearings. The "someone" probably will be one of the projects secretaries and the president of NCMY.

Many other problems also are being worked on by the council, holding its late-1954 meeting in Nashville, Tenn., under the direction of President Richard Thompson.

The NCMY constitution is being overhauled for the first time in four years. Plans are being made for next summer's NCMY meeting at Purdue University (West Lafayette, Ind.) Aug. 14-21, the week before the 1955 National Convocation of Methodist Youth and Students at the same place.

Ideas for action

Project ideas are being discussed, too: greater Methodist youth and student support of ecumenical activities such as work camps, the United Christian Youth Movement and the United Student Christian Council—continuing evangelistic activities for youth and students — citizenship seminars in Washington and New York—the relationship between youth and student programs on all levels of the church, including within the National Conference of Methodist Youth.

Does all this sound complicated? It is and it isn't. Mostly, it's your leaders in action, planning and discussing and getting questions and answers lined up so Methodist young people can take new initiative, new responsibility in the year ahead in the churches and in the world in general.

Who's on council?

In attendance at the NCMY Council meeting are "Prexy" Thompson, Recording Secretary Jean Stevenson of Boston, Mass., the two projects secretaries, LeRoy King and Eloise Kelly, and the following council members:

Youth representatives—Robert Trost of Chicago, Molly O'Steen of Nashville, Barbara Eskew of Festus, Mo., Barbara Ricks of Washington, D. C., and Marjorie Simpson of Detroit, Mich.

Student representatives — William Gaiser of Grove City (Pa.) College, Mary Lou Ames of Southeastern Missouri State College, Ben Conley of Vanderbilt University, Robert Snyder of the University of Arizona, and Erin Turner of Georgia State College for Women.

Church staff members — Harold Ewing and H. D. Bollinger of the Board of Education, Claude Singleton and Dorothy Nyland of the Board of Missions, Howard Ellis of the Board of Evangelism, and Don Kuhn and Roger Burgess of the Board of Temperance.

NOW is the time!

Write now for YOUR registration card for the 1955 National Convocation of Methodist Youth and Students.

Youth: write to conference director of youth work OR executive secretary.

Students: Write to state MSM director.

Your director will send out registration cards in the next two weeks.

NOW is the time!

National Convocation—Purdue —Aug. 22-26—

It's for YOU!

BY FINLEY EVERSOLE

Town meeting of the world

Beside the East River in New York stand the glass-walled skyscraper of the UN Secretariat and the domed hall of the General Assembly—symbol of peace and hope to the peoples of the world.

The United Nations has often been accused of seeking to become a world government with authority over the member nations. However, an honest look will show that the UN serves as a friendly advisor to the participating nations. The 60 member nations assemble and through "round-table discussion" seek the answers to problems pertaining to world peace, human suffering, human rights, and democratic self-government. John Foster Dulles very aptly described the UN as "the town meeting of the world."

General Assembly decides

The organ of the UN from which comes the major decisions is the General Assembly. All member states are represented in this "Parliament of Man," and each has one vote. Ordinary decisions are reached by a simple majority of those present and voting, and by a two-thirds majority on vital issues.

The General Assembly usually meets once a year to discuss international problems and make recommendations to the member nations on political, economic, social, cultural, educational, and health matters.

The UN is a shield to peace, not as a pool for **military** strength, but as the only remaining organization where world leaders can seek a peaceful alternative to armed force. The Charter stipulates that "the parties to any dispute . . . shall, first of all, seek a solution by negotiation . . . or other peaceful means of their own choice." Only as a last resort does the UN call upon the nations to provide military security. Even then the choice as to whether it will do so is left entirely to each nation.

Was it effective?

We've called the UN a shield to peace, but there has been so much fighting since its birth in 1945 that one sometimes wonders if the UN is a shield to peace. Let's have a look.

At the end of World War II, when other nations had removed their troops, Russia kept forces in Iran. Iran means oil and the sea route from Europe to the Orient—strength for Communism had Russia remained. But the UN persuaded Russia to withdraw. Had there been no UN, other nations would probably have jumped in to forestall the U.S.S.R.'s advance. The result could easily have been World War III.

Recall the Dutch attempt to suppress the efforts of Indonesian patriots to establish the Republic of Indonesia. A war for independence seemed inevitable. But the natives turned to the UN, and after long and careful negotiation, Indonesia was granted independence, and the Dutch army returned to Holland.

Prize-winning work

Then there are the Israeli-Arab hostilities in Palestine. The first UN representative to tackle the problem was assassinated in Jerusalem. After long negotiation Ralph J. Bunche obtained a ceasefire and a truce for which he was awarded the Nobel Peace prize.

The UN aided in clearing French and British troops out of Syria and Lebanon. It stopped the fighting in Kashmir. It assisted Greece in freeing its northern borders of Communist guerrillas. It stilled the Mau Mau outbreak in Kenya of central Africa. Then, of course, it took action to halt Communist aggression in Korea. Certainly the UN is a shield to world peace!

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The UN works best when it is dealing

This material on the United Nations was prepared for CONCERN by Finley Eversole, a senior in pre-ministerial study at Birmingham-Southern (Ala.) College. He is Christian Outreach chairman for the Northern Alabama Conference MYF.

with problems of human survival. Its Expanded Technical Assistance Program launched in 1949 has given some form of technical training and financial aid to 86 countries. Experts who have solved problems in their homelands are sent to other countries with similar problems to launch pilot projects.

Take the case of India's rice problem. In Japan an acre of rice yields 2,352 pounds, whereas, until UN experts began work, an acre in India yielded 772 pounds. A research station was set up in Orissa, India, to study Japanese methods of rice culture. Experts instructed the natives in rice-growing experiments. Consequently, today, where Japanese methods are applied, the rice acreage of India yields 8,000 to 14,000 pounds.

Last year 1,757 experts of 64 nationalities served on projects in 65 countries and territories.

"Century of Homeless"

Within the past 16 years of this "century of the homeless man" some 60,000,000 people have lost their homes. Ten million Germans were left homeless by the war. Today, 872,000 refugees crowd the refugee camps of Palestine. Almost 88,000 refugees are still living in camps in Germany, Austria, Italy, Greece, and Trieste. An additional 14,000 refugees of European origin live in China.

The UN is seeking to deal with the refugee problem through its International Refugee Organization. Projects include building and renovating homes in suitable employment areas, vocational training, maintenance of council centers, medical treatment, youth and community centers, and training for youth leadership.

"It must never be forgotten that refugees are people who have made a sacrifice for the sake of freedom . . . the free world is under an obligation to see that their sacrifice has not been meaningless."

UNICEF for children

There's the UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) born in 1949 to combat the terrible post-war conditions of Europe's Children. UNICEF has helped feed 60,000,000 children in 75 countries. It is also

fighting child diseases and training mothers in child care.

Another of the major agencies of the UN is the Trusteeship Council. Through nations which it has chosen, the council administers 11 trust territories, former colonies of Germany, Japan, and Italy. In addition, it is guardian over 70 non-self-governing territories. Its task is to "insure the political, economic, social and educational advancement" of the native people until they are ready for self-government.

Every organization and individual in the trust territories has the right of direct appeal to the Trusteeship Council. Hundreds of appeals pour in. Many are crucial; others are like that of the African chieftain who wanted the UN to make his mother-in-law "lay off."

The Ninth Assembly is considering Togoland (on the Gold Coast of West Africa), South West Africa, and Cyprus for independence.

Three of four freed

When World War II ended in 1945, 800,000,000 people were still under the domination of others. Today, 600,000,000 of these have gained their independence, and are demanding recognition of their rights as human beings.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the Assembly in December, 1948, voices the UN's recognition of the fundamental freedoms of all peoples without regard for race, color, sex, language, religion, political opinion, national or social origin, property, or birth.

The Declaration's importance is three fold:

1. It sets a high standard by which each nation should measure its service to its citizens and for which every government should strive. "Not failure, but low aim, is crime."

2. The Declaration has had great influence on the writing of new constitutions and new laws. Its principles have been incorporated into the constitutions of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Haiti, Indonesia, Syria, and Puerto Rico; and into new laws of Canada, Britain, West Germany, and Sweden.

3. On the day the document was adopted, Mr. Vishinsky attacked the Declaration on the ground that governments, not the citizens, possess rights, which they can grant to or withold from the people at will. Thus, the Declaration of Human Rights goes on record as opposing the Communist philosophy of government and as standing for democracy and the rights of man!

At International Labor Organization headquarters in Geneva, two young staff members admire the first screen-printed textiles to come from the looms of small Burmese producers. Textile production by handicrafts workers was made possible through the cooperatives which a UN-ILO technical aid team helped to set up at the request of the Burmese government.

UCYM Youth Week to collect books

"Books instead of bombs" will be a major project of hundreds of Christian Youth councils throughout the nation during the observance of Youth Week Jan. 30-Feb. 6.

Recognizing the almost unbelievable shortage of books that exists in Asia and Africa in particular, the United Christian Youth Movement is calling on youth to collect books "to meet the cry of needy people of other lands for truth, knowledge and the Word of God."

Here's something to think about!

At this time of world crisis the Methodist Church has a special responsibility for recruiting choice young men and women for leadership in the church and its agencies.

The need is great.

As an example — While 1250 new ministers are needed each year only 1027 entered the Methodist ministry on trial in 1953.

Specifically, during the next four years it is estimated that the Methodist Church will need an additional
—6,000 ministers
—12,000 doctors, nurses, technicians, social workers
—1,600 in mission service—at home and abroad
—1,600 Christian educators(directors of Christian education, employed workers in conference boards of education, etc.)

The Interboard Committee on Christian vocations has for distribution a packet of materials consisting of sample copies of leaflets and booklets describing the many and varied vocational opportunities in the Methodist Church.

Write to the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations, Box 871, Nashville 2, for *Vocations Packet.* The price is 25 cents. Cash must accompany order.

Also available from the Committee is the booklet, *Methodist Service Projects—1955.* Price, 10 cents each; $8 per hundred.

"Chain of Prayer" across nation

A year-long "chain of prayer," linking more than 1,000 churches every minute of every day in 1955, began Jan. 1, sponsored by the Methodist Board of Evangelism.

World peace is the chief petition as entire congregations, prayer teams and lonely shut-ins of every state join in the 365-day vigil.

As church bells tolled the New Year, the chain's first links were hammered out in the prayers of Methodists in seven cities and towns — New York, Chicago, Washington, San Antonio, Memphis, Ashland, Ky., and Minter City, Miss.

They were succeeded Jan. 2 by around-the-clock worshippers in DeQuincy, La., and Jackson, Tenn.

Day and night, around the calendar, clergymen, laymen, women and children will take turns at the altar of city and country churches.

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Bomber upkeep would educate one

Using official Department of Defense figures, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has compiled statistics showing that the $6,500 dollars needed to fuel, service and keep one bomber in the air for four hours would give a boy or girl a four-year college education.

The cost of one bomber would build a whole village of 366 good $15,000 homes.

Crisis in England; no race laws

Because race discrimination has not been general in England traditionally, there are no laws making race barriers an offense.

Thus the various groups working for better inter-racial relations were puzzled about how to proceed when, recently, the Green Park Hotel announced bluntly it would hereafter refuse bookings to colored people.

62 missionaries to be commissioned

A service to commission 62 home and foreign missionaries of the Methodist Board of Missions in Cincinnati Jan. 12 will be a highlight of the first joint assembly of all Methodist boards and agencies that week.

A dramatic presentation, "You Are There," will precede the service, to be sponsored by the Board of Missions, the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, the Commission on Chaplains, and the Committee on Camp Activities.

(CONCERN editors read many pages each week devoted to the great need that IS Korea. Here is a small fraction.)

Millions in pain

From a statement by Dr. You Chan Yang, Korean Ambassador to this country:

"I imagine there never has been any war more of a so-called **total** nature than the war in Korea. Just think: ten million of my people were rendered homeless and we suffered more than two million casualties, both military and civilian. Over two hundred thousand of our little children were orphaned and three hundred thousand women were made widows by the conflict.

"The picture of desolation and woe that was Korea and still largely is Korea right now is so vast that it is difficult for the imagination of anyone to encompass it. I have shuttled back and forth during the war and the present truce, and many times I find myself awakening at night in cold perspiration with all that horrible nightmare seemingly spread before me."

The need is great

A Korean Christian, whose son had planned to be a Methodist minister but was killed in the recent fighting in that country, is building a church in Chunju as a memorial to the youth.

The Yun Dai Yaung Memorial Church is now a temporary structure, and plans are underway for the permanent building.

From Yun Surg Yul, the father and contributor, comes this letter to the Methodist Board of Missions, telling its heart-touching story through its sometimes faulty English:

"My own boy was in the Methodist Seminary to become a helper in the church to carry out His program among the perishing souls. Very sad to say he was killed in the front fire while he was fighting against the communists. When I think about his death I feel so painful I be startled in the midnights.

"If I build a church in memory of him and let some good ministers stand in his place for ages and preach the living Gospel to the dying souls I thought we give a long life to my died boy. You saw the site with the well where I dug the well on a hill. I hauled over 60 truck loads of stone for the church walls. I hope those stones not sleep there for a long time but go up in the air through the love of our brothers and sisters and glorify His holy name.

"I put up a temporary building to take care of the present group of Christians. I want to train them and get more in to be good Christians and later when we have new big church let them become the masters of the memorial church. What is the use of church if there are nobody in it?

"I am dreaming and planning to reach the worthy goal, my dear friends in Christ. Please help me to reach to the goal. Please use your influence and help me. If you happen to go across

Tuk Bin Lee, a Christian engineer, at control console of HLKY, new radio voice of Christian Korea. Its studios in Seoul went on the air Dec. 15 with six hours of broadcast daily to both North and South Korea. The Methodist Church is one of the sponsors of the station.

someone who wants to store one's treasure in the place where no moth nor thief can reach to, please let that one help."

Whither all Susie-Q's?

The story of Susie-Q, a little Korean girl whose home was a Pusan railroad station, is told by a husband-and-wife Methodist missionary team in a report to friends in Illinois.

The girl and other children like her in Korea probably will become the street-walkers and criminals of a future generation if nothing is done to help them, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Harper, of the Methodist church in Pusan, conclude.

"Recently we received a phone call from a sergeant who works in the freight office of a Pusan railroad station," the Harpers wrote. "He said a seven or eight-year-old Korean girl had been staying around the station, and he didn't believe it was any place for a child. The sergeant told us he asked the little girl, nick-named Susie-Q by the soldiers, if she would be willing to go to an orphanage. She said she would.

"The sergeant asked us if we knew of an orphanage, and we replied we did. We went to the station to get Susie-Q, but she had disappeared. We called at the freight office several times, but she had never returned."

The Harpers said Susie-Q finally was located at a nearby military installation. She had no desire to go to the orphanage, because the soldiers kept her well supplied with food and money, she had a place to sleep and she had freedom. But Susie-Q consented at last to go to a home for girls—just to look around.

"She really looked the home over," the Harpers wrote, "but apparently wasn't too favorably impressed. She wanted to go back to the railroad station. Susie-Q and other children like her who hang around the railroad stations of Korea probably will grow up to be prostitutes and criminals, if they are allowed to stay where they are now."

Mr. Harper is an evangelistic missionary, and his wife, Elva, is a teacher.

Here are the facts

According to Methodist Bishop Hyungki Lew and other authorities, here are some of the estimates in the terrible struggle that has wrought devastation and destruction in Korea and is now going on:

—there are at least 500,000 orphans without care, plus 50,000 in orphanages,

—there are 300,000 widows and dependent children,

—there are at least 1,000,000 homeless refugees scattered throughout South Korea,

—2,000,000 lives have been wiped out,

—1,000,000 homes have been destroyed,

—75 per cent of all churches have been destroyed or damaged,

—there are at least 20,000 amputees; half of them are children,

—the U.N. says Korea now can produce only 10 per cent of its needs, 95 per cent of all factories being levelled.

This new Methodist church at Sindo, Korea, is being built by men of the 1343rd Engineer Combat Battalion, Eighth Army, as a project of the U.S. Armed Forces Assistance to Korea program. Other war-wrecked churches also are being rebuilt by the army as it aids Korean rehabilitation.

BY RALPH STOODY

The Methodist Church in 1954

In Methodist circles 1954 could be labelled with equally good reason in each of several ways. It could be called:

An ecumenical year.

A year of big meetings.

A year of renewed international interest.

A fifteenth anniversary-of-unification year, or,

A year of mounting figures in all columns.

An ecumenical year

There were three gatherings of world-wide dimensions in which Methodism played a distinctive part.

First was the World Methodist Council in Evanston in mid-August. This three-day meeting brought into fellowship leaders of numerous independent Methodist bodies of the world.

Then came the World Council of Churches. Meeting on the campus and in the buildings of a Methodist university and divinity school, holding its worship services in a Methodist church, having a Methodist as its honorary president and another as one of its five presidents. it gave the denomination a rather disproportionate prominence.

Several committees were headed by Methodists; one of the six section chairmen was a Methodist bishop and the final election put one of our South American bishops into the presidium.

These facts are recalled, not to glorify one communion above another, for privileges of service to the cause of church cooperation are purposely rotated. They should, however, assure any doubtful ones that in this historic Assembly and in the general ecumencial advance Methodists are playing their full part.

On the level of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., The Methodist Church again served the ecumenical cause by providing the 1953-54 president of this great family-organization of 30 Protestant and Orthodox bodies. In fact, 1954 opened with the man who was president both of the National Council of Churches and the Methodist Council of Bishops flying from camp to camp on the recent battle line in Korea to convey the greetings of the churches of the homeland to American youth in the armed services.

Many big meetings

Mid-quadrennium is getting to be a time for as many large-scale Methodist get-togethers as General Conference year. An unusual number of nation-wide assemblies was held in 1954.

The year opened with the National Conference of the Methodist Student Movement at the University of Kansas. Then came the Urban Life Conference in Columbus, Ohio, in February where Ohio State University facilities were used for one session.

Next was the Assembly of the Woman's Division of Christian Service at Milwaukee in late May. Not to be outdone by mothers, wives and sisters, the National Conference of Methodist Men was held on Purdue University campus in Indiana in July. Then both men and women went to Cleveland in October for the second Methodist Family Life Conference.

All of these convocations, including the November meeting of district superintendents in Chicago, brought together Methodists from every state and in some cases from distant lands. Each one furthered its own good purpose, but it also advanced fellowship across conference and jurisdictional lines and gave added meaning to the phrase, "The Methodists are one people."

World a neighborhood

A church which carries on work in 40 countries would naturally be expected to be international in its interests.

Ralph Stoody is executive director of Methodism's Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, with headquarters in New York City.

Bishop Grant, Louis Palmer

MYF in action

High Scout honor to MYF President

Eagle Scout Louis Palmer, president of the Prosser, Wash., MYF, received the "God and Country" award of Boy Scouting recently, when his church celebrated its sixtieth anniversary.

Bishop A. Raymond Grant of the Portland Area, speaker for special anniversary services, presented the award, first of its kind to any of the town's Scouts, and first to be presented by the bishop (everybody was happy).

Louis, a junior in high school, is a leader in Future Farmers of America.

The Prosser youth group is outstanding in the Columbia River district.

Laird V. Glasscock is pastor.

During 1954 The Methodist Church has organized this concern into a Crusade for World Order. The bishops took the first step in April by devoting three days at the United Nations for a first-hand study.

This interest was carried forward at the district superintendents' conference in Chicago where three eminent leaders in the field of international affairs set forth the spearpoints in the crusade:

(1) the meaning of peace,
(2) the United Nations,
(3) disarmament.

Plans for future sermons and study on these topics were approved, including later attention to U.N. charter review and revision.

Fifteen years old

Methodist unification was commemorated by the presentation to the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium of a bronze plaque. It recorded the reunion of three major bodies to form The Methodist Church which had taken place in that building 15 years before, on May 10, 1939. Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares, president of the Council of Bishops, dedicated the tablet which had been provided by the Commission on Public Relations.

Since unification there has been a growth of membership of about 25 per cent (7,360,187 to 9,223,152), an increase in church and parsonage property values of nearly 200 per cent ($704,117,614 to $1,904,785,067) and an advance of more than 300 per cent ($75,608,889 to $345,416,448).

Advances and new highs

Not spectacular but steady advances over last year's figures appear in the totals columns of the 1954 annual conference reports. The small loss recorded in membership last year, due to the wholesale pruning of records, this year is changed to a gain of 71,628. A decline in number of preaching places is replaced for the first time since unification with a gain. Total church school membership is up by 280,859. Total giving has advanced more than ten per cent.

Memorable 1954 events include the dedication of the Wesley film, launching of a $296,000 campaign for Methodist TV, $500,000 for retired preachers from the Publishing House, and a churchwide gift of $1,500,000 for Korea.

The main development of youth work for 1954 has been the interest and concern on the part of the whole church for the youth program as a whole.

UCYM seminar in Washington, D. C.

Conference Christian Citizenship chairmen will be interested in the national Citizenship Seminar to be in Washington, D. C., Mar. 14-18, under the leadership of the United Christian Youth Movement.

It will be followed by a series of state-level seminars in the fall and winter in preparation for the general UCYM emphasis on citizenship in 1956.

Your state UCY Council can give you more information on this, as each state council will be invited to send not only its citizenship chairman but also as many denominational citizenship chairmen as possible.

Interracial conference for Texas students

One pie, sold and re-sold at auction, netted $77.40 for overseas relief at the Thanksgiving week-end annual interracial conference of the Texas Methodist Student Movement at McMurry College, Abilene.

More than 300 students and 50 adults met to hear Dr. Henry Hitt Crane of Detroit and Dr. Lynn J. Radcliffe of Cincinnati. The theme was "Christ Changing Conscience," and the hymn was "Be Thou My Vision."

The Wesley Players of Texas Technological College presented the third act of "The Brother."

Newly-elected leaders are Orlie White of McMurry, president; Elizabeth Nielsen of the University of

MSM in action

Texas, secretary, and the Rev. Robert O. Cooper, associate director of the Denton Wesley Foundation, dean. Eight vice presidents were elected by annual conference representatives.

On to Purdue from New Mexico

New Mexico young people have made plans to charter a bus from El Paso to Purdue (that's West Lafayette, Ind.) for the 1955 National Convocation of Methodist Youth and Students next August.

They figure that 30 can travel the 2,500 miles for about $100 per person including meals and lodging. The arithmetic may change in the months ahead, but the spirit will be there!

Student teams serve with MYF's

Forty MSM members and ten adult sponsors at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kans., are helping in local MYF groups in the college area through fellowship teams trained in program areas and leadership techniques.

Four students and a counselor go to a church as requested for program planning, recreation guidance, and other aid to struggling MYF's.

The idea has stirred up new interest in the caravan training center to be at Southwestern next summer.

"Wheels" at the Texas MSM's annual interracial conference recently included these students and leaders (l-to-r); standing— Orlie White, 1955 conference MSM president, and Richard Deats, who presided over this year's meeting; seated — Elizabeth Nielsen, new secretary, Dr. Henry Hitt Crane of Detroit, and Sterling Wheeler, state student director.

asement room . . .

Private chape

Methodist students and their director t the University of Chattanooga Tenn.) have transformed the basement oom in their student center as shown n the two pictures above. The pine-aneled private worship place has been named "The Chapel of the Heart" because its arched door is patterned after the one in Salman's painting, "Christ Knocking at the Heart's Door." It has no door knob and can be opened only from the inside when in use.

How would you like o go caravaning?

The call is out for 160 young people across the country to go caravaning next summer, four in a team with an adult counselor, in youth work.

Each team spends six weeks in an annual conference, a week in each of half a dozen churches, living in homes of the community, helping in youth work in the local church and community, teaching classes, conducting workshops and worship services, leading recreation.

Another ten days, at the beginning, is spent in training at one of five training centers. Each caravaner chooses his training center and serves outside his own conference.

If you want your time to count in a real way next summer—if you want to help people in places right where problems start—caravaning may be for you. You need to have had two years of college or equivalent experience in youth work, and you need to send NOW for more information to: Methodist Youth Caravans, Box 871, Nashville 2.

CONCERN will carry information about student service projects in next issue.

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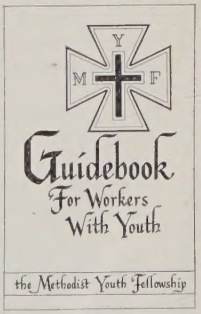
Here's "Guidebook" for your leaders

Youth learn to be good Christians through guidance of consecrated adults.

Adult workers, in turn, learn to give guidance partly by using good printed material.



The Youth Department in the General Board of Education has produced for all adults who work with youth 12-23 a *Guidebook for Workers With Youth.*

It gives helpful information, insights and suggestions for working to the best advantage with young people in Christian education. Some of the chapter headings are "Parents and Their Youth," "The Pastor and the Young People," etc.

Guidebook may be ordered after Jan. 15 from the Methodist Publishing House nearest you. #2361-BC, paper 50¢, cloth 75¢.

REAL GOOD SPORTS

It was just a matter of minutes before the game would start. The crowd was full of excitement for this year they had a winning basketball team! Everybody was excited, that is, but the Ashland players. Just before they were to start the first game in the Kentucky state tournament, they were having a team prayer together.

This team entered the tournament with a season record of 29 victories and only three defeats, and everyone was shocked when they were defeated after being ranked so high. Billy Ray Jennings simply remarked:

"In recognizing the ups and downs which one experiences in playing in any phase of athletics, I came even more to realize that there is only one thing which we can trust—one power that will never let us feel defeated—God."

Billy Ray, in expressing this after such an upsetting defeat, showed that he was not only a real athlete who could take defeat as well as victory, but also showed that his Christian faith and witness could stand the test. Perhaps you would like to become better acquainted with a young fellow who seems to have a way of living what he believes.

Billy Ray is, at present, vice president of the Kentucky Conference MYF council, and has served as recreation chairman and fellowship chairman in the past. He has attended one Regional Workshop and one Convocation at Lake Junaluska.

He is a sophomore at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware; he is playing his second year of varsity basketball, and has been starting guard.

In high school at Ashland, he played three years of basketball, and two years of baseball. During the 1952-53 season, he was a starter on the Ashland team when it was ranked as the best team in Kentucky, the year it was defeated in the state tournament.

Billy Ray shrugged and said: "Surely I feel rather proud that I was chosen all-Kentucky Honorable Mention in my senior year in high school, but there are two other things that surpassed that thrill.

"Through the year, a few of my

school mates and I decided that morning prayer group would help th students at Ashland High tremendous ly. We started with a voluntary group and soon reached 200 of the 1,000 stu dents in the student body.

"My second thrill," he said, "was th fact that our basketball team of tha year placed part of its success on th prayer we had before each game—eac of the boys is playing basketball thi year as a sophomore in college (Uni versity of Kentucky, Centre College i Kentucky, University of Florida, Wash ington and Lee University in Virginia and Ohio Wesleyan). I have reason t believe that the prayers before each game haven't ended with our experi ence of them in high school."

Besides athletics in high school, Billy Ray was an officer in his boys' club an officer in the varsity-award win ners' organization, and a member o the National Honor Society. As a re sult of these things, he received a beautiful wrist watch as Outstanding Male Graduate.

He was selected as valedictorian in high school, and has kept his "A" av erage the two years he has been in Ohio Wesleyan. His major is pre theology, and he has already preached many times at various churches.

As a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Wesley Foundation deputations, sophomore president, and the Religious Emphasis planning com mittee, Billy Ray has a good oppor tunity to continue his Christian wit ness as an athlete and as a student.

CHINESE NOT ENEMIES

(Recently CONCERN told of the campaign to send surplus food from the United States to flood victims in China, a campaign started by the Fellowship of Reconciliation and immediately taken up by many other groups. In response to the story in CONCERN, the following letter was received from a young man, a Crusade scholar at Illinois Wesleyan University, who is a former high-ranking officer in the Nationalist Chinese army and a refugee from communism. An experienced translator and student in religious education and church music, he is the son of Methodist parents and hopes to do further work in translation or in full-time religious service.)

To CONCERN:

My special interest has been drawn to the article "Urge surplus food for flood victims" in the Nov. 26 issue. Indeed, Christian love is great. It is the kind of love that is above any worldly boundaries or differences, even extended to "enemies." As a Chinese, I feel deeply grateful to the American people for their generosity realized in the campaign launched by the Fellowship of Reconciliation to send surplus food to flood victims in China.

However, I strongly feel that the legend, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him" should not be applied, not especially for print on the small cotton bags for distribution. The fact that the United States fought with the Chinese Communist China in Korea does not mean that the American people and the Chinese people have become enemies. The two peoples have in fact always been friends. (I have good reasons to believe in this.)

They cannot be regarded as enemies unless the majority of the Chinese people heartily support the Communist Government of China, which while not representing the will of the people at large is indeed antagonistic to the Free World. China is not yet all lost, and there is still hope in the hearts of all the non-Communist Chinese people that China may one day be free from Communism. The American people have been their only sincere and helpful friends, and none should ever take the other as an "enemy."

I appreciate that the quotation of the said legend has been done with good will and intention, expect that it reflects an unhealthy psychological effect and an attitude that, I believe, has not really existed among the American friends.

My further suggestion to this subject is with regard to the technical side of sending the gift. It should be sent in such a way that the Chinese flood victims in need may actually receive it and know where it is from. This is important and yet difficult to achieve, for apparent reasons.

To conclude my letter, I wish to express my gratitude for the wonderful privilege and opportunity given to me by the American Methodist Christians through the Crusade Scholarships.

Stephen Pan

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To CONCERN:

In reference to the article on the Bible Picture Story magazine (Nov. 26 issue), I suppose this will have some appeal to some, but personally I will not support this even if CONCERN does. I have followed the series in the papers and think it is atrocious, not even good Bible scholarship. We wonder why so many have such a shallow "Christian experience" . . . Teaching the spectacular, the heroic, the blood-thirsty episodes on cheap pulp paper in competition with the local comic magazine rack is not the answer. Again I maintain personally that an outstanding knowledge of the Bible is no guarantee that a person has any Christian feelings. I doubt that the items which this comic paper artist picks out will help either.

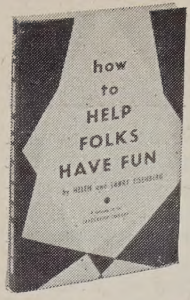
J. Alton Tempin
Winfield, Kansas

To CONCERN:

This is to express my joy for the gift copies of POWER and CONCERN. I have been reading those two publications for the last two years before I came to this country. The Korean young people are anxious to know what the young people in other lands are thinking, planning and doing.

I am very glad to renew my friendship with the American young people through CONCERN.

Choo Pyung Kim



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